

# The Lagrange and Markov Spectra of Pythagorean triples

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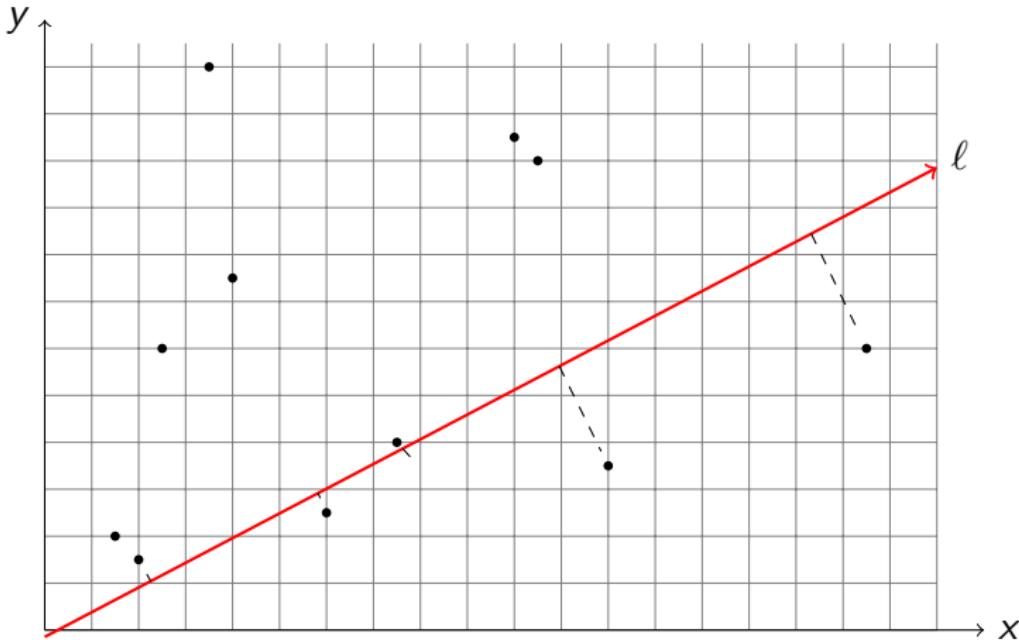
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Let us call  $(a, b)$  a **Pythagorean pair** if  $a^2 + b^2$  is a square.

How far can a half-line  $\ell$  stay away from most Pythagorean pairs?

$$\delta(\ell) := \liminf_{(a,b)} (\text{the distance from } (a, b) \text{ to } \ell),$$



$P = (\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{Q}$  is a point in the unit quarter circle  $\mathcal{Q}$

$Z = \left(\frac{a}{c}, \frac{b}{c}\right) \in \mathcal{Q}$  is a **rational** point in  $\mathcal{Q}$  represented by an primitive Pythagorean integer triple  $(a, b, c)$ .

We define

$$\delta(P, Z) = |c| \sqrt{\left(\alpha - \frac{a}{c}\right)^2 + \left(\beta - \frac{b}{c}\right)^2}$$

and

$$\delta(P) = \liminf_{|c| \rightarrow \infty} \delta(P, Z).$$

We define the **Lagrange number** to be

$$L(P) = \delta(P)^{-1} = \limsup_{|c| \rightarrow \infty} \delta(P, Z)^{-1}.$$

# Classical Lagrange Spectrum

For an irrational number  $\alpha$ , **Lagrange number**  $L(\alpha)$  is

$$L(\alpha) = \limsup \left( q^2 \left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| \right)^{-1},$$

The set

$$\mathcal{L} = \{ L(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}, \quad L(\alpha) < \infty \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

is called the **Lagrange spectrum**.

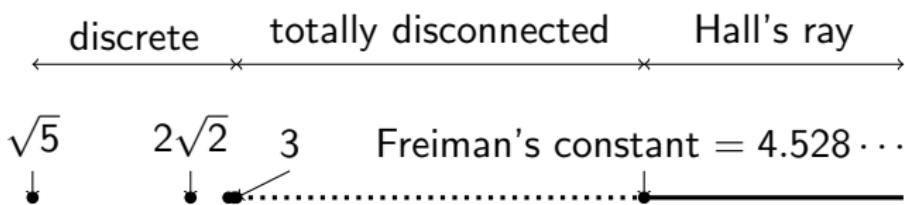
Closely related to  $\mathcal{L}$  is the **Markov spectrum**

$$\mathcal{M} = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{\inf_{\substack{(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \\ (x,y) \neq (0,0)}} |f(x,y)|} \mid \begin{array}{l} f(x,y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2, \\ b^2 - 4ac > 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right\}.$$

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Markov showed

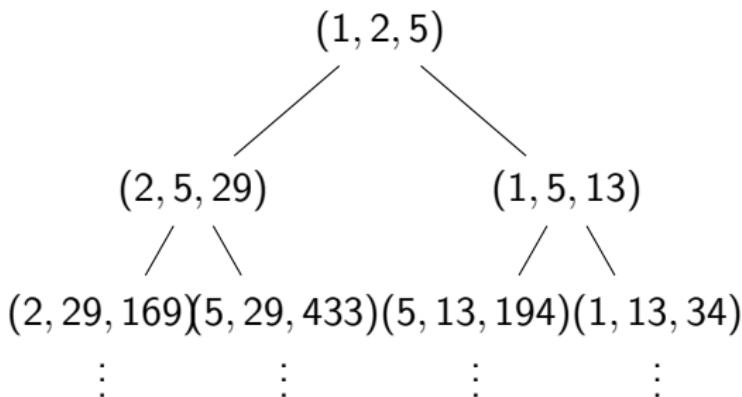
$$\mathcal{L}_{<3} = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{9m^2 - 4}}{m} \mid m = 1, 2, 5, 13, 29, \dots \right\} = \mathcal{M} \cap [0, 3).$$



# Classical Lagrange Spectrum

Here,  $m$  is any one of a triple  $(m_1, m_2, m_3)$  of positive integers satisfying

$$m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2 = 3m_1m_2m_3.$$



# Berggren Trees

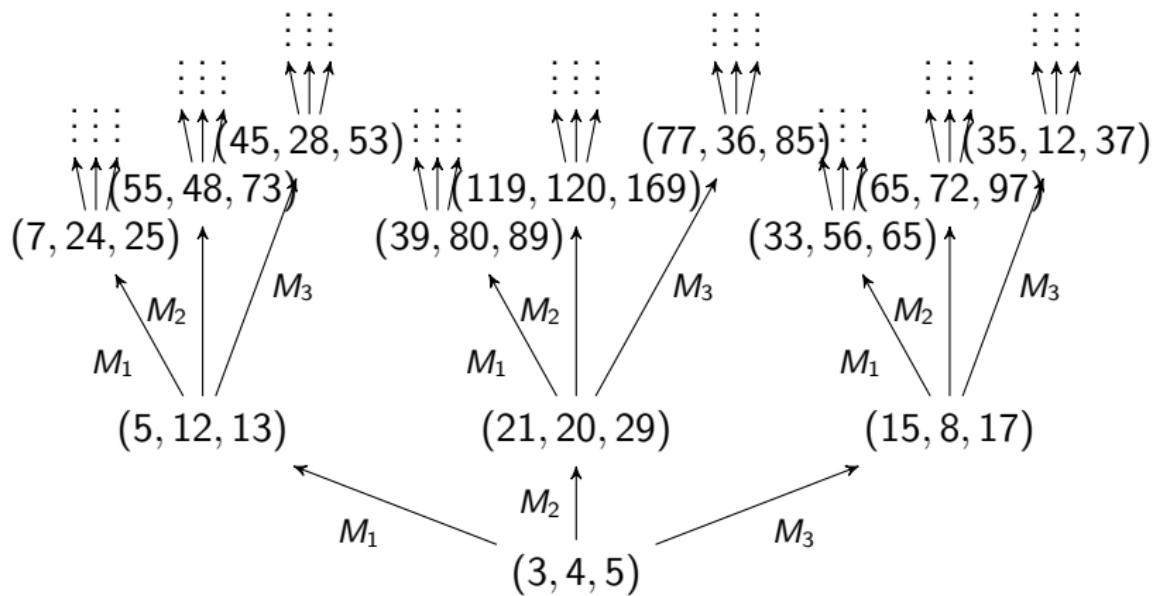
Theorem (Berggren (1934), Barnning (1963), ...)

*The matrices*

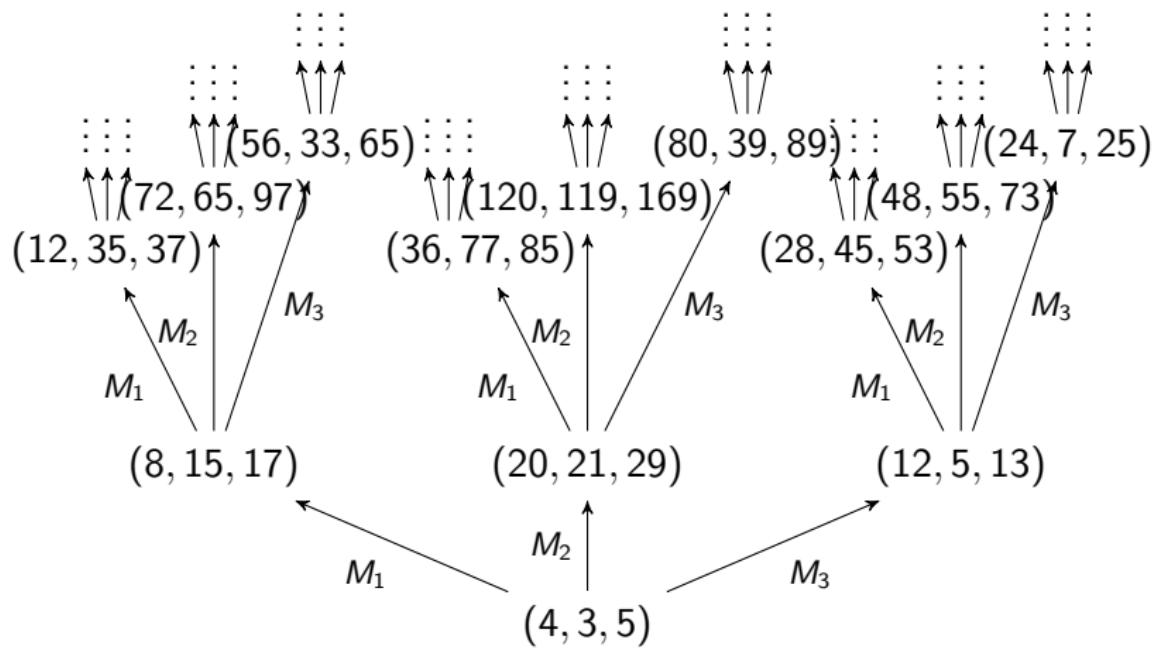
$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

*generate all (positive) primitive Pythagorean triples exactly once via repeated left-multiplication, beginning at (3, 4, 5) and (4, 3, 5).*

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# Romik System

Romik (2008) used Berggren trees (for the Pythagorean triples) to construct a dynamical system on  $\mathcal{Q} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x, y \geq 0\}$ :

$$T : \mathcal{Q} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}$$

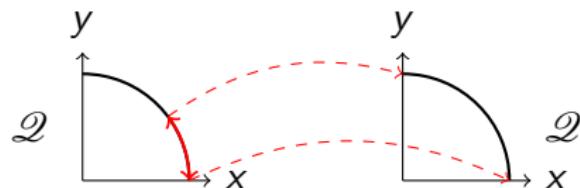
which is defined by

$$T(x, y) = \left( \frac{|2 - x - 2y|}{3 - 2x - 2y}, \frac{|2 - 2x - y|}{3 - 2x - 2y} \right).$$

For a rational point  $(\frac{a}{c}, \frac{b}{c}) \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $T$  is a **parent-finding** map on its Berggren tree:  $T(\frac{a}{c}, \frac{b}{c}) = (\frac{a'}{c'}, \frac{b'}{c'})$  exactly when  $(a', b', c')$  is the parent of  $(a, b, c)$  on the tree.

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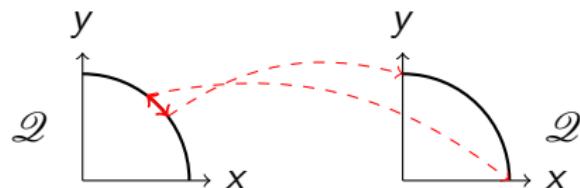


Moreover, we define the digit  $d(x, y)$  of  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{Q}$  as follows:

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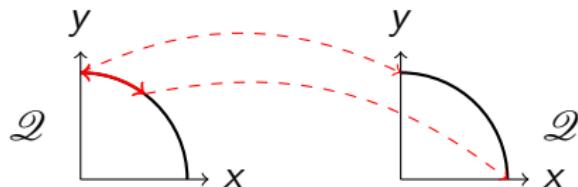


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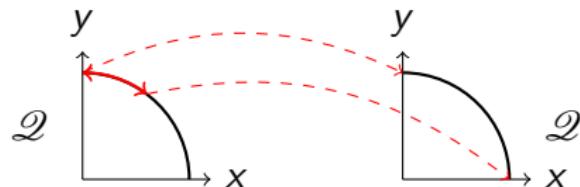


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Define  $d_j := d_j(x, y) = d(T^{j-1}(x, y))$  and write

$$(x, y) := [d_1, d_2, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}}.$$

## Romik digit

A point  $(x, y)$  in  $\mathcal{Q}$  is rational (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) if and only if its digit expansion ends with infinite succession of 1's or 3's.

$$\left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right) = [3, 3, 3, 3, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}}, \quad \left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5}\right) = [1, 1, 1, 1, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}},$$

$$\left(\frac{21}{29}, \frac{20}{29}\right) = [2, 3, 3, 3, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}}, \quad \left(\frac{15}{17}, \frac{8}{17}\right) = [1, 3, 3, 3, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}}.$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = [2, 2, 2, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}} := [\bar{2}]_{\mathcal{Q}},$$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = [1, 3, 1, 3, 1, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}} := [\overline{1, 3}]_{\mathcal{Q}},$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = [3, 1, 3, 1, 3, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}} := [\overline{3, 1}]_{\mathcal{Q}},$$

## $M$ matrices

We consider  $Z = \left(\frac{a}{c}, \frac{b}{c}\right) \in \mathcal{Q}$  as  $w = \frac{a+bi}{c}$ . Then

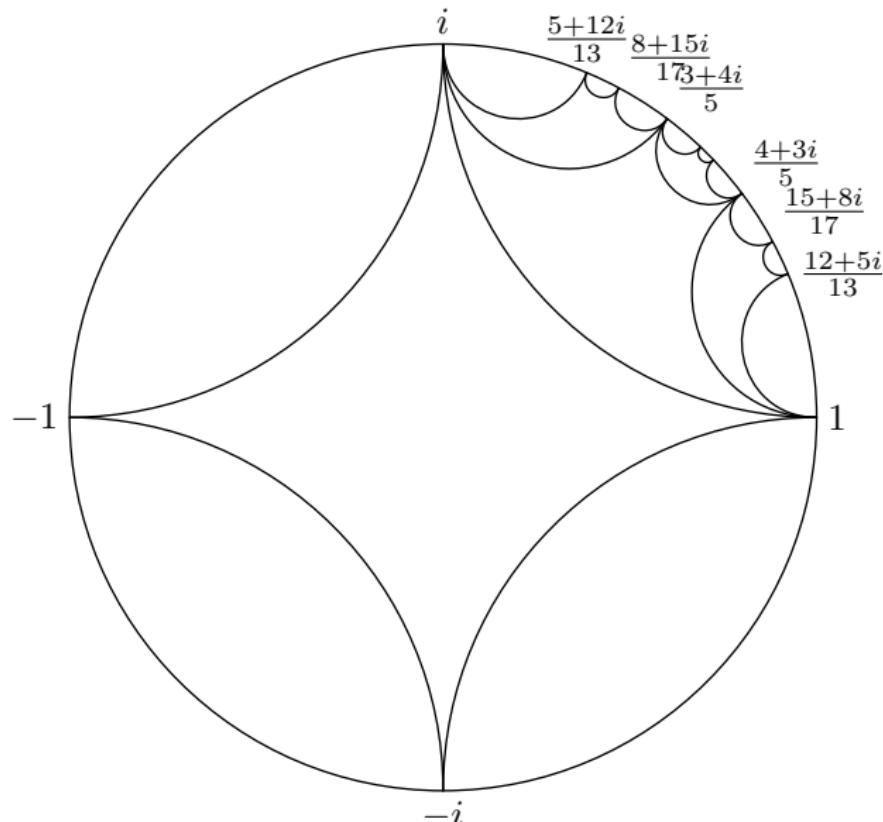
$$M_1(w) = \frac{(1+i)w - 1}{w - 1 + i}, \quad M_3(w) = \frac{(1+i)w + 1}{w + 1 - i}$$
$$M_2(w) = \frac{(1+i)\bar{w} + 1}{\bar{w} + 1 - i}.$$

Note that

$$T(x + yi) = \begin{cases} M_1^{-1}(x + yi) & \text{if } 4/5 \leq x \leq 1, \\ M_2^{-1}(x + yi) & \text{if } 3/5 < x < 4/5, \\ M_3^{-1}(x + yi) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 3/5. \end{cases}$$

## Actions of $M_1$ , $M_2$ , $M_3$

$M_1$  sends the ideal quadrilateral  $[1, i, -1, -i]$  to  $[1, \frac{4+3i}{5}, \frac{3+4i}{5}, i]$ .



# The Hurwitz bound

Theorem (Moshchevitin)

For any irrational  $P$ ,

$$L(P) \leq \sqrt{2}.$$

We define  $C(Z; r)$  as the horocycle based on  $Z = (a/c, b/c)$  with (Euclidean) radius  $r$ , i.e.,

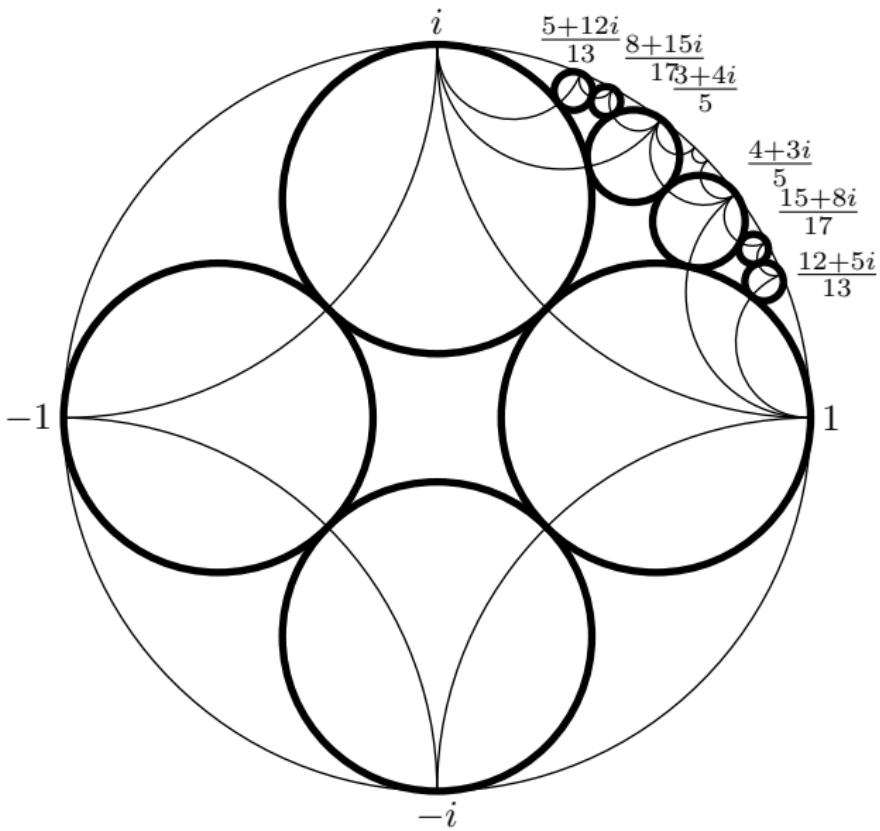
$$C(Z; r) = \left\{ (x, y) : \left( x - \frac{(1-r)a}{c} \right)^2 + \left( y - \frac{(1-r)b}{c} \right)^2 = r^2 \right\}.$$

Lemma

For each  $Z = (a/c, b/c)$ ,  $Z' = (a'/c', b/c')$ ,

$C\left(Z; \frac{1}{c\sqrt{2}+1}\right)$  and  $C\left(Z'; \frac{1}{c'\sqrt{2}+1}\right)$  do **not intersects**.

They are **tangent** if and only if  $Q((a, b, c) \times_Q (a', b', c')) = 1$ .



## Formula for $L(P)$

For  $P = [d_1, d_2, \dots] \in \mathcal{Q}$ , write

$$\begin{aligned}Z_k^{(1,0)} &= [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k, 1, 1, 1, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}}, \\Z_k^{(0,1)} &= [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k, 3, 3, 3, \dots]_{\mathcal{Q}}.\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$L(P) = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \min \{ \delta(P, Z_k^{(1,0)}), \delta(P, Z_k^{(0,1)}) \} \right)^{-1}.$$

By the map from the unit disk to the upper half plane  $\mathbb{H}$

$$z = f(w) = \frac{1 - iw}{w - i},$$

$$\mathbf{M}_1(z) = 2 - \frac{1}{z}, \quad \mathbf{M}_2(z) = 2 + \frac{1}{\bar{z}}, \quad \mathbf{M}_3(z) = z + 2$$

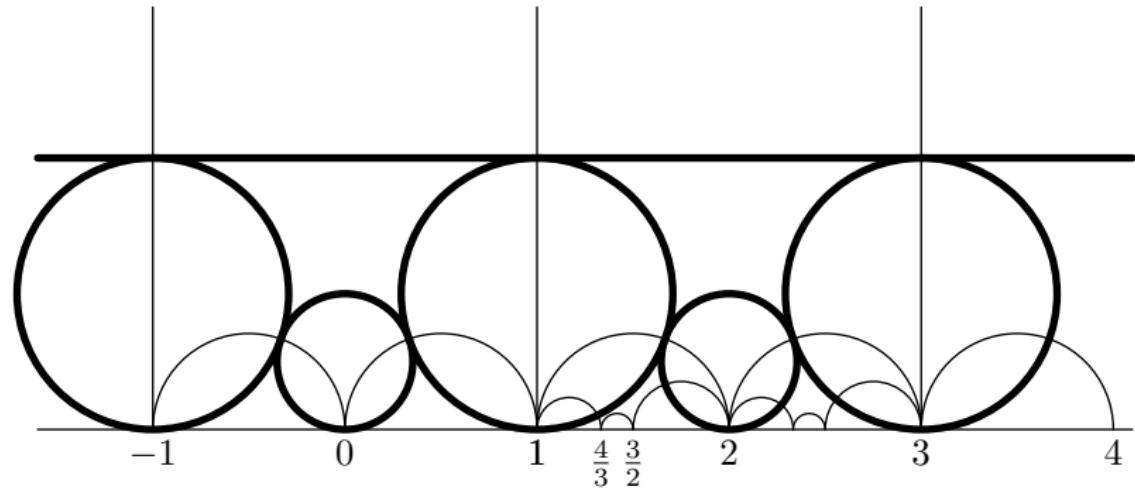
Let

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that

$$(\mathbf{M}_2)^2(z) = \frac{5z + 2}{2z + 1}, \quad (M_2)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Upper half plane



$M_1, M_2, M_3$  send the ideal quadrilateral  $[-1, 0, 1, \infty]$  to the ideal quadrilateral  $[1, 2, 3, \infty]$ .

For a Romik sequence  $P$ , we define the **reverse**  $P^*$  of  $P$  and the **conjugate**  $P^\vee$  of  $P$  by  $P^\vee = [p_1^\vee, p_2^\vee, \dots]$  where  $p_j^\vee = 3 - p_j$ .

Recall that, if  $P = (\alpha, \beta)$  as a point in  $\mathcal{Q}$ , then  $P^\vee = (\beta, \alpha)$ .

Let  $\|P\| = \frac{1+\beta}{\alpha} = f(\alpha + \beta i)$  for  $P = (\alpha, \beta)$ .

Define  $L_1(P^*|Q)$  and  $L_2(P^*|Q)$  to be

$$L_1(P^*|Q) = \frac{\|P\|^{-1} + \|Q\|^{-1} - 2}{2},$$

$$L_2(P^*|Q) = L_1((P^\vee)^*|Q^\vee) = \frac{\|P^\vee\|^{-1} + \|Q^\vee\|^{-1} - 2}{2}.$$

Also, we let

$$L(P^*|Q) = \max(L_1(P^*|Q), L_2(P^*|Q)).$$

Finally, we let  $L(T) = \sup L(P^*|Q)$ .

We define an ordering

$$P \leq Q$$

between two Romik sequences  $P$  and  $Q$  whenever  $\|P\| \leq \|Q\|$ .

### Proposition

The followings are equivalent.

- (i)  $P \leq Q$ .
- (ii)  $[1, P] \leq [1, Q]$ .
- (iii)  $[2, Q] \leq [2, P]$ .
- (iv)  $[3, P] \leq [3, Q]$ .
- (v) Write  $P = [d_1, \dots, d_k, r_1, r_2, \dots]$ ,  $Q = [d_1, \dots, d_k, s_1, s_2, \dots]$ , where  $r_1 \neq s_1$ . Then,  $(-1)^t(s_1 - r_1) > 0$  where  $t$  is the number of 2's appearing in the sequence  $\{d_1, \dots, d_k\}$ .

For a doubly infinite Romik sequence  $T$ , we say  $T$  is *admissible* if  $L(T) \leq 2$  and *strongly admissible* if  $L(T) < 2$ .

## Proposition

Suppose that a doubly infinite Romik sequence  $T$  is admissible. Then, the following sequences are **forbidden** in  $T$ :

$$\begin{cases} 2(13)^k 12, \ 2(31)^k 32, & \text{for } k \geq 0, \\ 12^k 3, \ 32^k 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd,} \\ 12^k 1, \ 32^k 3, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

## Proposition

A doubly infinite Romik sequence  $T$  is admissible if and only if:

- (i) The sequences 11, 33, 212, 232 do not occur in  $T$ , and
- (ii) Any section  $P^* 2|13Q$  of  $T$ ,  $T^*$ ,  $T^\vee$  and  $(T^*)^\vee$  satisfies  $P \leq Q$ .

Suppose that  $T$  is an admissible doubly infinite Romik sequence. Then  $T$  is written as a doubly infinite word  $B$  on three letters  $a, a^\vee, b$  under the rule:

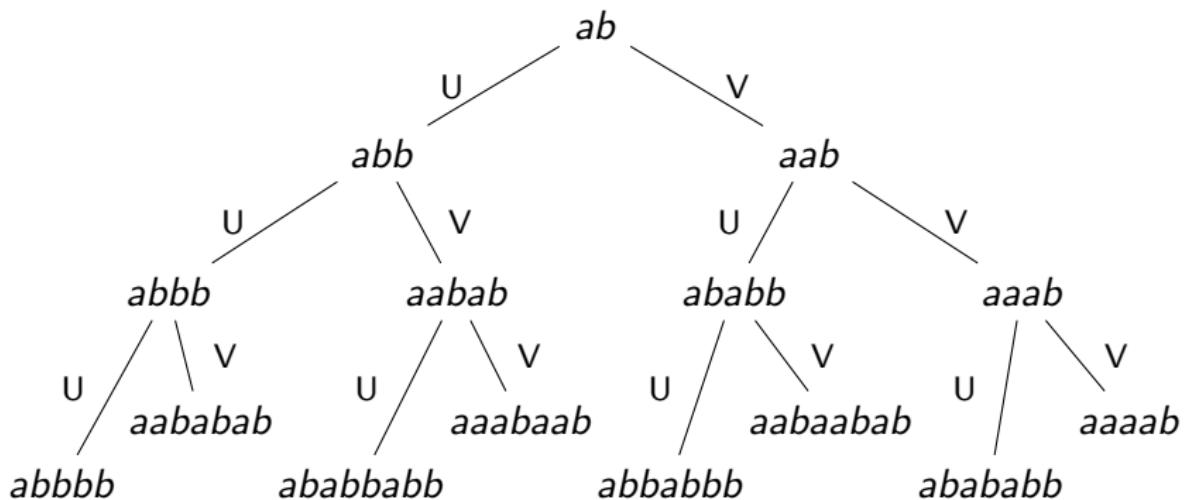
$$a = 2, \quad b = 13, \quad b^\vee = 31.$$

Furthermore, the letters are subject to the following rules:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cdots b \overbrace{a \cdots a}^{\text{even}} \boxed{b} \cdots, \\ \cdots b^\vee \overbrace{a \cdots a}^{\text{even}} \boxed{b^\vee} \cdots, \\ \cdots b \overbrace{a \cdots a}^{\text{odd}} \boxed{b^\vee} \cdots, \\ \cdots b^\vee \overbrace{a \cdots a}^{\text{odd}} \boxed{b} \cdots. \end{array} \right.$$

Doubly infinite admissible Romik sequence is a periodic word with  $a, b$ .

$$a^U = ab, \quad b^U = b; \quad a^V = a, \quad b^V = ab$$



Let

$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M_2 \in \Phi$$

and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = M_1 M_3 \in \Phi.$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi = & \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid \begin{array}{l} a \equiv d \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \text{ or} \\ b \equiv c \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{array} \right\} \\ & \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{array}{l} ad - bc = 2, \\ a \equiv b \equiv c \equiv d \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{array} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

## Proposition

For  $M_W = \begin{bmatrix} p & p' \\ q & q' \end{bmatrix}$ , with discriminant  $\Delta = \text{Tr}(M_W)^2 - 4$ ,

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Here,  $\eta, \bar{\eta}$  are two end points of the axis of  $M_W$ .  $\left( \eta = \frac{p\eta + q'}{q\eta + q'} \right)$

Let  $A^U = AB$ ,  $B^U = B$ ;  $A^V = A$ ,  $B^V = AB$ .

$$(A, B, AB) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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$$(A, B, AB)^V = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 19 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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The Cohn matrix  $M$  has the shape

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 4q - q' & * \\ q & q' \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 4q - q' & * \\ q & q' \end{bmatrix},$$

if the number of  $A$  in  $M$  is even, or odd, respectively

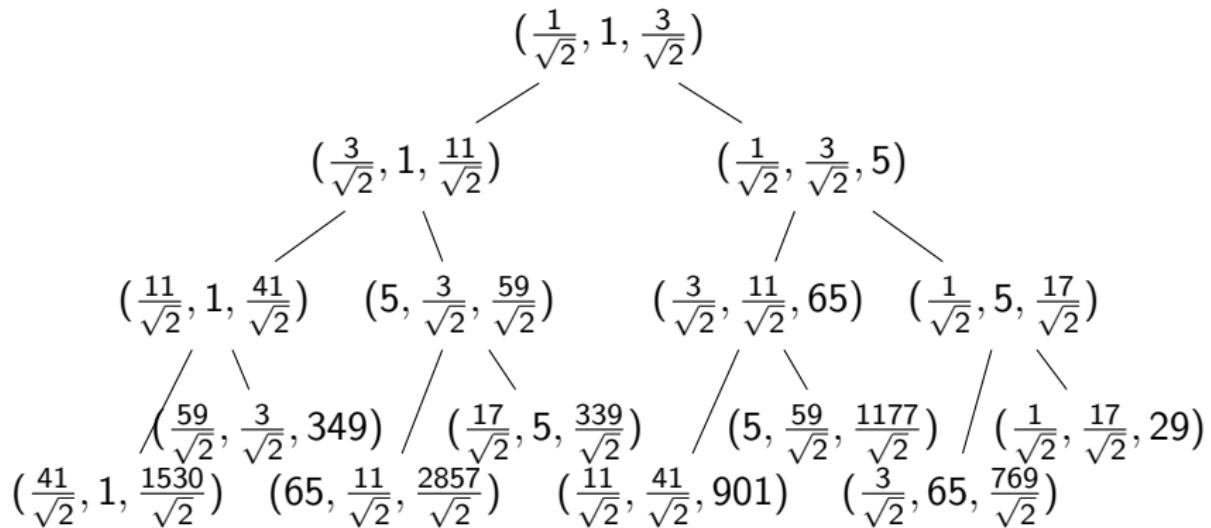
For each  $(M, N, MN) = (A, B, AB)^w$ ,

$$\mathrm{Tr}(M)^2 + \mathrm{Tr}(N)^2 + \mathrm{Tr}(MN)^2 = \mathrm{Tr}(M) \mathrm{Tr}(N) \mathrm{Tr}(MN).$$

$(q(M), q(N), q(MN))$  is an integral solution of the equation

$$2x^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 = 4xy_1y_2.$$

$$(\mathrm{Tr}(M), \mathrm{Tr}(N), \mathrm{Tr}(MN))$$



### Theorem

For  $M_W = \begin{bmatrix} 4x - x' & * \\ x & x' \end{bmatrix}$ , with discriminant  $\Delta = 16x^2 - 4$ ,

$$L(\cdots WW|WW\cdots) = \frac{\eta + (-\bar{\eta})}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2x} = \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{x^2}}.$$

For  $M_W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 4y - y' & * \\ y & y' \end{bmatrix}$ , with discriminant  $\Delta = 8y^2 - 4$ ,

$$L(\cdots WW|WW\cdots) = \frac{\eta + (-\bar{\eta})}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2y/\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{4 - \frac{2}{y^2}}.$$

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$$\cup \left\{ \sqrt{4 - \frac{2}{y^2}} \mid y = 1, 3, 11, 17, 41, 59, 99, \dots \right\}.$$

Let

$$f(S) = f\left(S \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

Then

$$\inf_{S \in \Phi} |f(S)| = \inf_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}} \frac{|f(x,y)|}{\text{parity}(x,y)}$$

where

$$\text{parity}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if both } x, y \text{ are odd,} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let

$$\mathcal{M}^\Phi = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{\inf_{S \in \Phi} |f(S)|} \mid \begin{array}{l} f(x,y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2, \\ b^2 - 4ac > 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}^\Phi \cap [0, 2) = \left\{ \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{x^2}} \mid x = 1, 5, 11, 29, 65, 349, \dots \right\}$$

$$\cup \left\{ \sqrt{4 - \frac{2}{y^2}} \mid y = 1, 3, 11, 17, 41, 59, 99, \dots \right\}.$$

The 10 smallest values of  $L(P)$ , together with corresponding Romik digits of  $P$ 's, are

$L(P)$	Romik digits
$\sqrt{2} = 1.414213562\dots$	$[\bar{2}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\sqrt{3} = 1.732050808\dots$	$[\bar{1}, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{34}}{3} = 1.943650632\dots$	$[\bar{2}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{3\sqrt{11}}{5} = 1.989974874\dots$	$[\bar{2}, \bar{2}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{482}}{11} = 1.995863491\dots$	$[\bar{2}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{1154}}{17} = 1.998269147\dots$	$[\bar{2}, \bar{2}, \bar{2}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{6722}}{41} = 1.999702536\dots$	$[\bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{2}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{3363}}{29} = 1.999702713\dots$	$[\bar{2}, \bar{2}, \bar{2}, \bar{2}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{13922}}{59} = 1.999856358\dots$	$[\bar{2}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{2}, \bar{2}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{16899}}{65} = 1.999940828\dots$	$[\bar{2}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{2}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$

The 10 smallest values of  $L(P)$ , together with corresponding Romik digits of  $P$ 's, are

$L(P)$	Romik digits
$\sqrt{2} = 1.414213562\dots$	$[\bar{2}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\sqrt{3} = 1.732050808\dots$	$[1, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{34}}{3} = 1.943650632\dots$	$\color{red}{[2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1]}_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{3\sqrt{11}}{5} = 1.989974874\dots$	$[2, 2, 1, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{482}}{11} = 1.995863491\dots$	$\color{red}{[2, 1, 3, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1]}_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{1154}}{17} = 1.998269147\dots$	$[2, 2, 2, 1, 3, 2, 2, 2, 3, 1]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{6722}}{41} = 1.999702536\dots$	$\color{red}{[1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2]}_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{3363}}{29} = 1.999702713\dots$	$[2, 2, 2, 2, 1, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{13922}}{59} = 1.999856358\dots$	$\color{red}{[2, 1, 3, 2, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 1]}_{\mathcal{Q}}$
$\frac{\sqrt{16899}}{65} = 1.999940828\dots$	$[2, 1, 3, 1, 3, 2, 1, \bar{3}]_{\mathcal{Q}}$